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Q: WAS THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE LAST AMERICAN FIGHTER SQUADRON FROM TAIWAN AN EFFORT TO REDUCE THE AMERICAN MILITARY PRESENCE THERE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE?

A: THE DEPARTURE OF THE F-4 SQUADRON FROM TAIWAN DURING THE LAST WEEK OF MAY IS THE RESULT OF AN UNDERSTANDING REACHED IN NOVEMBER 1972 BETWEEN THE US AND THE REPUBLIC  
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OF CHINA WHICH SPECIFIED THAT THE F-4S WOULD BE WITH-

DRAWN WHEN THE AIRCRAFT LOANED BY THE ROC TO THE US WERE EITHER RETURNED OR REPLACED. THESE BORROWED AIRCRAFT HAVE NOW BEEN REPLACED. THIS ACTION IS CONSISTENT WITH THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE.

Q: DOES THIS REPRESENT A MOVE ON OUR PART TO PAVE THE WAY FOR THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO CHINA LATER THIS YEAR?

A: AS I HAVE SAID, THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE SQUADRON WAS AGREED UPON WITH THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AS THE AIRCRAFT

THEY LOANED US FOR USE IN VIETNAM WERE EITHER REPLACED OR RETURNED. THIS REPLACEMENT HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND THEREFORE THE WITHDRAWAL OF OUR SQUADRON HAS TAKEN PLACE. THIS AGREEMENT WAS MADE WELL BEFORE THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP WAS CONTEMPLATED.

Q: CAN YOU CONFIRM THE REPORTS THAT THERE IS A SERIOUS DIFFERENCE OF VIEW WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION ON THE FUTURE OF OUR MILITARY PRESENCE ON TAIWAN?

A: NO, I AM NOT AWARE OF ANY.

Q: WHERE DID THE SQUADRON GO?

A: THE SQUADRON RETURNED TO ITS BASE AT KADENA, OKINAWA.

Q: WHY WERE THE F-4'S SENT TO TAIWAN?

A: UNDER THE UNDERSTANDING IN WHICH THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA LOANED THE AIRCRAFT, THE US AGREED TO STATION USAF F-4 AIRCRAFT IN TAIWAN UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE LOANED AIRCRAFT COULD BE RETURNED OR REPLACED. THOSE BORROWED AIRCRAFT HAVE NOW BEEN REPLACED.

Q: WHAT TYPE OF AIRCRAFT WERE GIVEN THE ROC AS REPLACEMENT FOR THE ONES IT LENT?

A: F-5 AIRCRAFT.

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Q: F-5A'S OR F-5E'S.

A: BOTH F-5A'S AND F-5E'S.

Q: ARE THERE ANY US COMBAT AIRCRAFT OR UNITS NOW STATIONED ON TAIWAN?

A: NO.

Q: HOW MANY MEN/PLANES ARE INVOLVED IN THIS WITHDRAWAL?

A: APPROXIMATELY 450 PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE SQUADRON  
WILL BE WITHDRAWN; IN ADDITION APPROXIMATELY 900  
ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO CCK  
ARBASE ARE BEING WITHDRAWN. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY  
18-24 AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED TO A NORMAL F-4 SQUADRON.

Q: WHEN WAS THE FIRST F-4 SQUADRON WITHDRAWN?

A: ONE SQUADRON RETURNED TO ITS HOME BASE IN JULY 1974.  
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